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Oregon Peace Officers Association presents Medal of Valor to Three Beaverton Police Officers.

On October 1st, Sgt. Pat Campbell, Officer Sean Todd and Officer Marc Hevern were each presented with a Medal of Valor by the Oregon Peace Officers Association at their annual banquet held in Newport, Oregon. The three officers were nominated for the Medal of Valor by Chief David G. Bishop for their actions on May 20, 2004.

On that day, Officer Sean Todd located the suspect of a bank robbery that had just occurred at SW Murray and SW Allen Blvd. Officer Todd made contact with the suspect as he pulled into a parking lot near an elementary school and verbally controlled him until Sgt. Pat Campbell and Officer Marc Hevern arrived.

The elementary school was only 200' away from where the suspect was standing and even though the school was put in lock-out status, there were windows and doors facing the direction of the incident and staff and students would have had their safety jeopardized had there been any gunfire.

While Officer Todd maintained the suspect's attention, Sgt. Campbell and Officer Hevern left their positions of cover. By doing so, they were able to advance on and tackle the suspect gaining control of his hands, thus preventing the suspect from shooting either himself, the officers at the scene or creating a situation where they were compelled to shoot him.

Officer Todd's ability to locate the suspect, willingness to make contact with the suspect and calm yet forceful verbal orders to the suspect controlled him long enough to allow Sergeant Campbell and Officer Hevern to gain a position of advantage from which they could ultimately achieve physical control over the suspect.

The selfless actions of Sergeant Campbell and Officer Hevern in leaving cover at great risk to themselves in order to protect the safety of students and staff at a nearby school, while preventing the suicide of a suspect who was attempting to provoke the police into killing him reflects the highest level of courageous thought and brave action.

Chief David G. Bishop commented: "The teamwork displayed not only by these three officers but also by all the officers who responded to the incident reflect the outstanding professional policing service the citizens of Oregon receive from their police officers."